

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
)	Administrative Order
EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE)	No. 2013 - <u>15</u>
CAPITAL CASE OVERSIGHT)	(Amending Administrative
COMMITTEE)	Order No. 2011-107)
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On December 6, 2007, this Court entered Administrative Order No. 2007-92, which established the Capital Case Oversight Committee. The purposes of this advisory Committee included monitoring and facilitating efforts to reduce the number of capital cases in the Superior Court in Maricopa County, which had reached a crisis level in 2007, and making policy recommendations to improve the judicial administration of capital cases in Arizona.

The December 2012 Report of the Oversight Committee noted a steady decline in the number of pending capital cases in the Superior Court in Maricopa County beginning in 2009, and it concluded that the crisis that gave rise to the establishment of the Oversight Committee had abated. The Oversight Committee nonetheless requested an additional extension of its term to address continuing issues affecting capital cases, and to serve as a forum for further enhancements in the judicial administration of these cases. Therefore, after due consideration of the Oversight Committee's request and pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the term of the Capital Case Oversight Committee is extended to December 31, 2013, as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Oversight Committee shall continue to identify issues affecting the administration of capital cases and propose recommendations to improve the judicial administration of these cases.

2. **Membership.** The membership is attached as Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as needed or desired. Terms of the Committee members shall expire on December 31, 2013.

3. **Meetings.** The Oversight Committee shall meet only as necessary, and meetings may be scheduled, cancelled, or moved at the discretion of the Committee chair. All meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch, Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202.

4. **Reports.** The Committee shall submit a progress report to the Arizona Judicial Council in December 2013.

5. Administrative Support. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide administrative support and staff for the Committee, who may, as feasible, conduct or coordinate research as requested by the Committee.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2013.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

Appendix A
Capital Case Oversight Committee
Membership

Hon. Ronald Reinstein, Chair
Judge of the Maricopa County
Superior Court (ret.)

Hon. Joseph Welty
Presiding Criminal Judge
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Marty Lieberman
Legal Defender
Maricopa County

James Belanger
Coppersmith, Schermer, and Brockelman PLC
Phoenix

James Logan
Director, Maricopa County
Office of Public Defender Services

Kent Cattani
Chief Counsel for Capital Litigation
Arizona Attorney General

William Montgomery
Maricopa County Attorney

Donna Hallam
Staff Attorney
Arizona Supreme Court

Daniel Patterson
Capital Unit Supervisor
Maricopa County Public Defender

Kellie Johnson
Capital Case Unit
Pima County Attorney

Sheila Polk
Yavapai County Attorney

Dan Levey
Executive Director
Parents of Murdered Children

Natman Schaye
Arizona Capital Representation Project
Tucson